

April 17, 2008

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council and the Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Mayor James M. Cavanaugh, Goodyear, Chair of the MAG Regional Council
Mayor Keno Hawker, Mesa, Chair of the Transportation Policy Committee

SUBJECT: REVISED MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF REVISED TENTATIVE
AGENDA AND JOINT MEETING OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE REGARDING ITEM # 6 TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING UPDATE AND INPUT ON THE *PRELIMINARY CRITICAL NEEDS
DEFINITION* DOCUMENT

Meeting - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 23, 2008
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200

PLEASE NOTE JOINT MEETING WITH THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY
COMMITTEE FOR REVISED AGENDA ITEM # 6 TRANSPORTATION PLANNING
UPDATE AND INPUT ON THE *PRELIMINARY CRITICAL NEEDS DEFINITION
DOCUMENT*

A joint meeting of the MAG Regional Council and Transportation Policy Committee will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members of the Regional Council and Transportation Policy Committee may attend either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. Members who wish to remove any items from the Consent Agenda are requested to contact the MAG office. MAG will host a dinner/reception for the Regional Council and Transportation Policy Committee members following the meeting in the MAG Cholla Room on the 2nd floor. Supporting information is enclosed for your review.

Please park in the garage underneath the building. Parking places will be reserved for Regional Council and Transportation Policy Committee members on the first and second levels of the garage. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

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If you have any questions, please call the MAG office.

c: MAG Management Committee

**JOINT MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL AND
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
April 23, 2008**

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

TRANSPORTATION ITEM

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

6. Transportation Planning Update and Discussion
and Input on the *Preliminary Critical Needs
Definition Document*

For the past three years, MAG has been engaged with the regional planning organizations throughout Arizona to work collaboratively to address Arizona's growth and transportation issues. Concurrently, MAG has been working to address high growth areas in the MAG region with the Hassayampa Valley and Hidden Valley Framework studies. MAG has also initiated a Transit Framework Study and will be initiating an update of the Regional Transportation Plan. These studies, along with a statewide Transportation Reconnaissance Study, have laid the foundation for a statewide transportation planning effort by the Arizona Department of Transportation. On April 16, 2008, the Transportation Policy Committee discussed the draft package of projects being proposed for consideration on the 2008 General Election Ballot. Due to a copy of the proposed package not being available, this discussion was general in nature. On April 17, 2008, a *Preliminary Critical Needs Definition* document was received. This report is being sent to the members of the Regional Council and the Transportation Policy Committee who will conduct a joint meeting to be briefed on the contents of the document. A report will also be provided on other transportation planning activities. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6. Information, discussion and input by the Regional Council and the Transportation Policy Committee on the *Preliminary Critical Needs Definition* document.